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SUBJ: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

REF: STATE 215757

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPT 12 ROY FERNANDEZ, FIRST
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DFA'S DEFENSE DIVISION ALLUDED TO SEPT
8 CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL AND REITERATED THAT WHILE GOA WILL
VOTE FOR RESOLUTION IT WILL NOT CO-SPONSOR IT, LOBBY FOR IT, OR
SPEAK IN FAVOR OF IT. AUSTRALIAN POSITION HAS FURTHER HARDENED TO
POINT WHERE IF ASKED WHY GOA IS TAKING THIS POSITION GOA
OFFICIALS WILL SIMPLY STATE THAT THE GOA IS NOT OPPOSED TO DIS-
CUSSION OF SPNFZ AND STUDY OF IT.

2. FERNANDEZ SAID HE FELT THAT THE REPORT OF THE UN STUDY GROUP

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ON NUCLEAR FREE ZONES MAKES IT EASIER TO OPPOSE SUCH ZONES BY

ADVANCING SERIOUS AND RESPECTABLE ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE BENEFITS
OF SUCH ZONES.

3. FERNANDEZ AGAIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT AUSTRALIAN DFA AND DOD
PROFESSIONALS DO NOT SUPPORT THE NEW ZEALAND PROPOSAL BUT THAT
WHITLAM GOVERNMENT FEELS OBLIGED TO GIVE TOKEN SUPPORT TO AN
INITIATIVE TAKEN BY A BELEAGUED NEW ZEALAND LABOR GOVERNMENT
WHICH GOA BELIEVES WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO OFFICE IN NOVEMBER
ELECTIONS.

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